(b) to (d) The requisite information is bang collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Sale of products of 100 per cent foreign owned companies in the domestic Market

389. SHRI K.V. THANGKABALU : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many 100 per cent foreign owned companies in Export Processing Zone have bean allowed at present to sell their products in the domestic market;

(b) whether it is a fact that units in EPZ area are allowed to remit all their profits ; and

(c) if so, whether all the value added become repatriable and there will be no gain in foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRl ARUN KUMAR NEHRU) : (a; According to the information available, 3 foreign owned companies in various Export Processing Zones have been allowed to sell their products in the domestic market.

(b) and (c) Repatriation of profits, dividends etc. is allowed in accordance with the details furnished by the Zone units in their project applications and approved by the Government of India.

*390. [Transferred to the 21st March **1990]***

Lok Adalats

391. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the present scope of Lok Adalat and whether there is any proposal to widen the scope ; and

(b) what arc the details on measures proposed to be takej by Government to strengthen the above system in the eountry ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI) : (a) and (b) The Lok Adalats are at present dealing mainly with the following types of cases : civil, criminal and revenue cases ; cases involving motor accidents claims; land acquisition cases ; cases pertaining to bonded labour ; family disputes ; labour disputes ; cases relating to payment of minimum wages ; and, disputes relating to workmen compensation. The scope of the Lok Adalats is being widened in a phased manner. The Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, was enacted for the purpose of strengthning the Lok Adalats. A proposal is under consideration of the Government to amend this Act with a view to further strengthening the Lok Adalats.

Modernisation of Jetty at Elephanta Caves

392. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the former Tourism Minister had given a commitment to modernise the Jetty at Elephanta Caves;

(b) whether any proposal has been recieved from the Maharashtra Government in this regards; and

(c) if so, how much amount has been earmarked for this pur-poso in the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU) : (a) The former Minister had indicated

his, willingness to consider some financial assistance for the pror ject.

(b) and (c) No proposal was received from the State Government and therefore, it was not possible to earmark funds for this purpose in the current financial year.

The proposal would be considered as and when received based on the merit?, availability of funds and *inter-se* priorities.

Proposal for a 'Light and Sound' Show at Shaniwarwada, Pune

393. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of TOURISM bs pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been received by the Central Government for a 'Light and Sound' Show at Shaniwarwada at Pune; and

(b) if so, with decision has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU) : (a) The Department of Tourism has not received a proposal from the State Government of Maharasthra for a Light and Sound Show at Shaniwarwada at Pune.

(b) Does not arise.

Food Processing units in Kerala

394. SHRI M.A. BABY : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES ba pleased to state :

(a) whether any new project is being considered for food processing in Kerala ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) and (b) There is no proposal to set up any food processing unit in the State of Kerala in the Centrel public sector.

Import of Rubber

395. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of rubber imported during the year 1989-90 and proposed for the year 1990-91;

(b) whether Government are aware of the difficulties faced by the farmers of Kerala due to the present import policy: and

(c) if so, what remedial steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) to (c) The policy of the Government is to allow import of rubber only to toe extent of gap between demand and supply. Tne Government nas a buffer stocking scheme to safegurd the interestof the growers on the one hand and the consuming industry on the other.

The total quantity of import for 1989-90 can be indicated only after tne end of the present financial year. However STC has so far during 1989-90 imported 20,gl0 tonnes of rubber. In addition, about 12,194 tonnes of rubber has been imported by the manufacturers during April-December 19*9 under the export incentive scheme. The imports initially planned for 1990-91 are for 30',000 tonnes.

Promotion of Tourism in Kerala

396. SHRI M. A. BABY : Will the Minister of TOURISM' be